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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EEC, DA, PO

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTERS VIEWS ON PORTUGAL

REF: COPENHAGEN 2041 AND 2046

1. IN A TALK WITH THE DCM JULY 25, FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN  
REFERRED TO HIS COMMENT THAT IT WAS "A LITTLE HARD TO UNDER-  
STAND" FRENCH RESISTANCE TO A FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT ON EC  
ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL (COPENHAGEN 2041). HE SAID  
THAT HE HAD SUSPECTED THAT THE FRENCH POSITION WAS TAKEN  
FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS RATHER THAN FOR ANY DISAGREE-  
MENT WITH THE POLICIES OF THE OTHER EIGHT IN REGARD TO  
PORTUGAL. THIS HAD BEEN CONFIRMED TO HIM, HE CONTINUED,  
BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR DURING A CONVERSATION JULY 24.  
THE AMBASSADOR HAD EXPLAINED THAT GISCARD HAD WANTED TO  
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DEMONSTRATE TO THE FRENCH ELECTORATE THAT IF MITTERAND

SHOULD BECOME FRENCH PRESIDENT WITH COMMUNIST BACKING, THE SITUATION IN FRANCE WOULD DETERIORATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN PORTUGAL. THE AMBASSADOR WAS INCLINED TO AGREE THAT THIS WAS NOT THE NOBLEST OF MOTIVES ON WHICH TO BASE THE FRENCH POSITION.

2. ANDERSEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE REGRETTED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO GET A MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL OUT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING. A PHASED PROGRAM WITH CONCRETE OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE, PREDICATED OF COURSE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF A DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE, MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT THE PORTUGUESE TO REALIZE WHAT THE EC WAS WILLING TO DO FOR THEM. NOW, THE MINISTER CONCLUDED, HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TURN DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT TAKE IN PORTUGAL; HE WOULD CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT THE LACK OF ACTION BY THE EC HAD, TO SAY THE LEAST, NOT BEEN HELPFUL.  
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